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In re Application of	:	
Flexman et al.	:	
Application No. 10/659,888	:	
Filing or 371(c) Date: 09/11/2003	:	
Attorney Docket Number: AD6937 US NA	:	ON PETITION

This is a decision on the "Renewed Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Under 37 CFR 1.[1]81(a)", filed November 3, 2006. The delay in treating this petition is regretted.

This Petition is hereby **granted**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely and properly reply to the non-final Office action, mailed September 24, 2004. The Office action set a three (3) month period for reply. Extensions of time were available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). No response having been received, the application became abandoned December 25, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed October 6, 2005.

The June 23, 2005 petition

Applicant filed a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment on June 23, 2005, and demonstrated the timely filing of an amendment; however, Applicant had not included a copy of the amendment. The petition was dismissed without prejudice in a Decision mailed August 16, 2006. A copy of the amendment was required.

The present renewed petition

Applicant has filed a copy of the amendment with the present renewed petition. Accordingly, the petition is granted. The holding of abandonment is hereby withdrawn.

The application will be referred to Technology Center Art Unit 1713 for processing of the copy of the amendment filed with this renewed petition on November 3, 2006, and for continued examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

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